

KANSAS: The March **All Farm Products Index** of Prices Received by Kansas farmers, at 111 percent of the 1990-92 base, was up 4 points from February but down 3 points from March 2004. The **All Crops Index** in March, at 102 percent of the 1990-92 base, was up 7 points from February but down 33 points from 2004. The **Meat Animals Index**, at 118 percent of the 1990-92 base, was up 3 points from February and 6 points above last year. More detailed information regarding price indexes is shown in the first table on the back of this release.

Wheat prices in mid-March, at \$3.40 per bushel, were up 14 cents from February but 33 cents below last March.

Corn prices in mid-March, at \$2.05 per bushel, were up 15 cents from February but 87 cents below last March.

Farmers received an average of \$3.09 per cwt. for **sorghum grain** in mid-March, up 22 cents from February but \$1.60 below last March.

Soybean prices, at \$6.02 per bushel in mid-March, were up 81 cents from February but \$3.32 below last March.

All hay prices averaged \$69.00 per ton in mid-March, up \$6.00 from February and \$2.00 higher than last year. **Alfalfa hay** averaged \$79.00 per ton, up \$7.00 from February and \$1.00 higher than last March. **Other hay**, at \$48.00 per ton, was down \$4.00 from February and \$6.00 below last March.

All beef cattle were bringing an average of \$90.40 per

cwt. in mid-March, up \$2.50 from February and \$4.20 above the price last March. **Cow** prices, at \$53.80 per cwt., were unchanged from February but \$5.20 above the price last March. **Steers and heifers** averaged \$91.50 per cwt., up \$2.50 from February and \$4.10 above March 2004. **Calf** prices in mid-March were \$138.00 per cwt., up \$4.00 from February and up \$18.00 from March 2004.

The **all hog** price of \$49.80 per cwt. for mid-March was up \$2.20 from February and up \$6.00 from last March. **Sow** prices averaged \$44.20, down \$1.10 from February but \$4.00 higher than March 2004. **Barrow and gilt** prices averaged \$50.50 per cwt. in mid-March, up \$2.50 from February and \$6.30 above last March.

Kansas **sheep and lamb** prices are no longer published effective January 2005.

Individual commodity prices are shown in the second table on the back of this release.

UNITED STATES: The **All Farm Products Index** of Prices Received in March was 118 percent of the 1990-92 base, up 4 points from February but 3 points below March 2004.

The March **All Crops Index** was 113, up 7 points from February but 8 points below March 2004.

The March **Livestock and Products Index**, at 122, was up 3 points from last month but unchanged from March 2004.

Index Numbers - Prices Received by Farmers, Kansas and United States

Product Group	Kansas			United States					
	1990-92=100%			1990-92=100%			1910-14=100%		
	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 15, 2005	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 15, 2005	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 15, 2005
PRICES RECEIVED									
All Farm Products	114	107	111	121	114	118	770	772	749
All Crops	135	95	102	121	106	113	596	524	559
Food Grains	133	116	121	127	109	114	402	345	361
Feed Grains & Hay				118	90	95	421	323	338
Feed Grains	129	82	88						
Hay	105	98	108						
Oil Seeds	170	95	109	165	99	113	901	540	619
Livestock & Products				122	119	122	932	917	934
Meat Animals	112	115	118	111	120	123	1,131	1,216	1,249
Dairy Products				118	119	119	946	953	959

Prices Received by Farmers and Feed Ratios, Kansas and United States

Commodity	Kansas			United States			
	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 15, 2005	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 15, 2005 Prices	
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	Parity ¹ <i>Dollars</i>
All Wheat, bu	3.73	3.26	3.40	3.83	3.36	3.53	10.00
Corn, bu	2.92	1.90	2.05	2.75	1.95	2.03	6.71
Oats, bu				1.60	1.66	1.60	3.99
Barley, bu				2.77	2.37	2.48	6.80
Sorghum Grain, cwt	4.69	2.87	3.09	4.84	2.95	3.17	11.00
All Sunflowers, cwt		13.30	13.40	13.10	13.30	13.40	
All Hay, ton	67.00	63.00	69.00	81.80	84.70	89.10	
Alfalfa, ton	78.00	72.00	79.00	86.20	91.90	96.40	
Other, ton	54.00	52.00	48.00	72.00	70.00	70.40	
Soybeans, bu	9.34	5.21	6.02	9.28	5.42	6.28	16.20
All Beef Cattle, cwt	86.20	87.90	90.40	83.70	89.00	91.90	174.00
Cows, cwt	48.60	53.80	53.80	46.50	52.40	53.60	
All Steers & Heifers, cwt.	87.40	89.00	91.50	88.00	93.30	96.30	
Calves, cwt	120.00	134.00	138.00	115.00	128.00	132.00	236.00
Hogs, cwt	43.80	47.60	49.80	47.20	50.70	51.50	108.00
Sows, cwt	40.20	45.30	44.20	39.90	45.00	43.80	
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	44.20	48.00	50.50	47.60	51.00	51.80	
Lambs, cwt ²				103.00	114.00		211.00
Sheep, cwt ²				36.70	51.30		85.10
Milk, cwt., avg. fat test ^{3 4}		14.80	15.00	15.40	15.50	15.60	35.50
Average fat test, percent ³		3.72	3.68	3.73	3.72	3.69	
Feed Ratios							
Hog-Corn	15.0	25.1	24.3	17.2	26.0	25.4	
Milk-Feed				2.80	3.54	3.35	

¹ U.S. Parity Prices based on 1910-14 base. ² Preliminary price not published. ³ Milk price reflects gross producer pay price before deducts for hauling and capital retain. ⁴ Kansas milk price series began January 2005.

District Grain & Oilseed Prices

Agricultural Statistics District	Wheat per Bushel		Sorghum Grain per Cwt		Corn per Bushel		Soybeans per Bushel ¹	
	February 2005	March 15, 2005	February 2005	March 15, 2005	February 2005	March 15, 2005	February 2005	March 15, 2005
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Northwest	3.16	3.22	2.82	2.98	1.82	1.94		
West Central ..	3.24	3.42	2.88	3.16	1.93	2.11	4.95	5.92
Southwest	3.24	3.45	2.95	3.23	2.00	2.17		
North Central ..	3.23	3.37	2.79	2.96	1.71	1.91	5.10	6.11
Central	3.35	3.44	2.89	3.17	1.86	2.00	5.18	6.12
South Central ..	3.28	3.43	2.83	3.08	1.91	2.06	5.20	6.13
Northeast	3.33	3.47	2.88	3.11	1.73	1.89	5.26	5.90
East Central ...	3.22	3.29	2.79	2.92	1.78	1.88	5.35	6.10
Southeast	3.32	3.39	2.89	3.02	1.88	2.00	5.23	5.98
State	3.26	3.40	2.87	3.09	1.90	2.05	5.21	6.02

¹ Soybean prices for Northwest, Southwest, and West Central combined due to insufficient data.